

AT BOTH ST LUKE'S AND HOLY TRINITY
Loving God in our worship, caring and sharing
SUNDAY – 18TH OCTOBER 2020 – LUKE THE EVANGELIST

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Services at Holy Trinity Church, October 2020

4 October – Harvest Festival, Family Service of the Word, in Holy Trinity, led by Dr Clare King.

Your Harvest gifts of tinned food will be gratefully received, thank you.

11 October – A Service of the Word, in Holy Trinity, led by Dr Clare King. The APCM will be held in church after this Service.

18 October – A Service of Holy Communion, on YouTube, led by Canon David Low.

25 October – A Service of the Word, in Holy Trinity, led by Dr Clare King.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Services need may to change at short notice. Please check our Church website or the Pew sheet.



We pray together...

Glorious Father, as more and more gets revealed about Your wonderful universe, help us to be in awe of You and Your incredible creation. Thank You for the perfection of it all — the incredible balance and interdependence of all things. Thank You particularly for the things on which we depend — gravity, sufficient heat and cold, oxygen and all the elements, crops of all sorts and our wonderful bodies and relationships. Help us to appreciate so much that You have given us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Glorious father we become more and more aware that we humans are the cause of so much that is going wrong in the world. We apologise for it and ask Your help in doing our part in finding solutions to the destructive forces that we are letting loose — acquisitiveness and greed, waste and carelessness, aggression and thoughtlessness about consequences. May we learn to live more simply that others may simply live.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Glorious father we lift to You the people most affected by the serious changes in Your wonderful world – the sufferers from man-made diseases like Covid 19, the farmers and populations plagued by drought, the low-lying coastal peoples forced off their lands by rising sea levels, the refugees driven from their homes by war and those so desperate in their homelands that they feel they must migrate. We remember too the peoples overwhelmed by arriving migrants. So much to pray about Father, forgive our constant inadequacies.

Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of Your son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

David Low

A “hello”, from the Churchwardens.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the APCM last Sunday and for voting us as your Churchwardens. It was a privilege to continue in this role and wonderful to feel so supported during an unsettled time for us all.

Whilst it is so lovely to see many of you each Sunday, we are very much missing those of you who are tucked away and send you our love and prayers for good health and good spirits. This Sunday, 18 October, Canon David Low and Sheila have kindly recorded a Service of Holy Communion for you to join in with on YouTube and then next week, 25 October, we will be back in church with our Reader, Clare, leading us in a Service of the Word.

We are feeling excited and hopeful as we look forward to welcoming the Bishop's nomination to Bembridge on Monday and Tuesday this coming week. As many of you know, we read the Bible in One Year every day and it often has very clear messages for us. This week a passage from Jeremiah 29 verses 11 to 13 really spoke to us....

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

On Sunday, as there is no service, we will both be in church from 10.30, praying and seeking God specifically about our new vicar. We would be thrilled if you would join us either in person or ‘in spirit’ and pray with us for wisdom, discernment and God's will for the future of Holy Trinity. A church that prays together, stays together! Please keep praying for our new Shepherd and for the flock to grow.

Wishing you a restful weekend and sending you our love and prayers to keep safe and stay well, Sally and Caroline.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Now, just for a change, I thought I would get you to see how good your reading aloud is! I don't mean to put anyone off but just try it!

Sheila, as you know, reads the lessons for our YouTube Communion Services. She asked me in preparation for this weeks recording, what I would like her to read.

Rather naughtily I said 1 Chronicles chapter 1, versus 11 to 16. She wasn't sure if I was serious! Now you try it:

Mizraim was the father of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites, Pathrusites, Casluhites (from whom the Philistines came) and Caphtorites.

Canaan was the father of Sidon his firstborn and of the Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, Arvadites, Zemarites and Hamathites.

I have let you off really quite lightly as there is plenty more of similar ilk in the early chapters of 1 Chronicles, so I don't recommend you read them unless you like the challenge of how to pronounce difficult names, as I do! What a wonderful source though of names to call your pets. I am not suggesting these are suitable for children's names in this country, but you do hear more and more unusual monikers for people these days. How about Hadonam, Rimmono, Samlah or Eliphelet?

Let me briefly say about the gospel, which is a call to pray for and perhaps to become evangelists. The crux of the matter is that we should somehow be making people aware that the kingdom of God has come near them and they should not only be aware of it, but also do something about it. Notably change their lives to be responding to God.

David Low.

Greatly appreciated donations

The Church income from Plate collections is significantly reduced, and we have missed all our lovely summer social fundraising occasions. Consequently, we are heading for considerable deficit at the end of the year. Huge thanks to those of you who have very kindly made generous and unexpected donations. If you are signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme and would like to increase your gift to the Church, you can now do this with a phone call to Parish Giving Scheme 03330021271 and give the **Parish Code 290629124** or email info@parishgiving.org.uk

Any donations you feel able to make towards the running of the church will be hugely appreciated. You can make donations by paying them directly into the Church Bank account using the following details

Name of Account: **The PCC of Holy Trinity Church Bembridge**

Account number: 0051651002

Sort code: 30 97 21

If you are kindly donating by writing a cheque, please make it payable to **The PCC of Holy Trinity Church Bembridge**

Thank you so much, Sally and Caroline

Thinking of You

Please pray for Eve Hall.

Barbara Arthure and the Pastoral team are keeping their ears to the ground, trying to ensure “We are Thinking of you” cards are being sent to the poorly people in our community. Please tell us if you know of anyone who is facing surgery, in recovery or just generally feeling under the weather, so that Barbara can pop to the post box. 872902

**PRAYER CIRCLE
TROUBLING TIMES**

At Holy Trinity there is a small Prayer Circle..
It's sometimes hard to pray when we find ourselves in the middle of coping with problems.

We would be happy to share the burden by praying for you about any difficult situation.

Everything is in strict confidence.

Jean 873507 , Robert 874018 & Jackie 875004 are the contacts as well as the Church Wardens and Clergy.

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB



If you are following the HTB app and reading the Bible in One Year, you enjoy talking about and discussing the Word and would like to join a small group on a Monday afternoon at 3 .00 pm in the Cloisters, please

Email Caroline & Sally at:

churchwardenshtb@gmail.com.

We are appropriately socially distanced when we meet and would love to see you.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge

the church will be open for

Private Prayer

on every Thursday

between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm

and every Sunday

between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm

For everyone's safety and wellbeing, please sanitise your hands as you arrive and sit on the pews and chairs labelled for use. Candles may be lit in the usual way in the Lady Chapel. Please use the spray to wipe the surfaces as you leave.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sally and Caroline

Psalm 31:24 God takes care of all those who stay close to him.

All Souls and Remembrance

With November fast approaching and our thoughts turning to souls loved and lost to us, we will be holding our **All Souls Service at 3.30 pm on Sunday 1 November** at Holy Trinity. If you would like a lost loved one remembered at this Service, please email your name and their name to churchwardenshtb@gmail.com by Saturday 31 October. Alternatively, you can give us names as you arrive for the Service.

Due to current circumstances, we are unable to hold the usual Service of Remembrance around the War memorial. We will however be holding a Service of Remembrance in Holy Trinity Church on **Sunday 8 November, starting at 10.30 am**. There will be silence held at 11.00 am and a wreath will be laid at the main Altar in the church during the Service. Due to us having limited numbers in church, we will be taking bookings for attending this Service of Remembrance, either by email to churchwardenshtb@gmail.com or by signing up in church from Sunday 25 October.

POETRY FOR OUR TIMES

Words by Sylvia Plath

Axes

After whose stroke the wood rings,

And the echoes!

Echoes travelling

Off from the centre like horses.

The sap

Wells like tears, like the

Water striving

To re-establish its mirror

Over the rock

That drops and turns,

A white skull,

Eaten by weedy greens.

Years later I

Encounter them on the road ----

Words dry and riderless,

The indefatigable hoof-taps.

While

From the bottom of the pool, fixed stars

Govern a life.

This poem was written on the 1 February 1963. It was just a few days before Sylvia Plath committed suicide, alone in her house in North London. As I sit here typing this I have just received a massive new biography (a mere 1200 pages) of her life by Heather Clark. I have always loved Sylvia Plath and over the years have read her poems many times. She was a remarkable if damaged person, but without doubt one of the greatest female poets of the 20th century. The line in this poem - The indefatigable hoof-taps - describing words has always fascinated me.

David Abington

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH - ROMANS 5 PART 5

In verses 3 to 5, the Apostle Paul talks about hope and trouble, an odd combination you might think, but the sort of hope we looked at last week gives us strength in times of trouble. So let's look at what else Paul says about trouble (vs3-5). He says we can "*Glory in tribulations*". **What?** As a faithful, positive believer, Paul made the most of every situation in life, even his time spent in prison in Rome. Without that we might not have had his great epistles to help us now. God can and does bring good out of what Satan means for harm, and we can be grateful that He does. Paul says trouble can teach us patience (v3). We talk about the 'patience of Job', but it was exactly his trials and difficulties which taught him patience and a deeper trust in God. If we ask God for patience, He will often put us in situations which require patience to teach us. A good driving instructor will often make her pupils perform difficult manoeuvres to teach them to handle the car, drive more safely, and hopefully pass the test, mine certainly did, and it has stood me in good stead ever since.

"Patience" then leads on to "experience". God wants us to mature in our faith and not remain as 'spiritual babies' (see 1 Cor 3;1-2), so that we can better serve Him and others in life. Immature Christians- those who remain immature in their faith are not really able to help themselves or others in life.

As we walk faithfully with God, He teaches and instructs us so we can gain 'experience'. 'Experience' leads us on to 'Hope' which we have already mentioned. "*And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by The Holy Spirit, whom He has given us*" (v5,NIV). The Holy Spirit who dwells inside every believer is able to impart these truths to us, reassure us, empower us and give us the strength to go on, despite any trouble that might assail us in life.

Marty Coombes

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Support Line

**We're still here!
Give us a call if you need
information or help with
anything**

07724 401 443



The Little Mice were completely covered with paint this week as they printed with autumn leaves and rolled acorns dipped in autumnal colours, as well as enjoying playing outside. The contents of the treasure baskets continue to fascinate our Tiny Mice, while their Mummies swapped tips on how to wean Tiny Mice and get them to sleep all night! The Mice are on a half term next week.

Love and prayers from Sally, Caroline and the Church Mice team.

OUR DEAR DEPARTED

**Bridget Chapman
Peter Hunt
Patricia Davis**

Heavenly Father
When grief seems never ending help us to come to You Lord God,
to know your love and Your peace as we remember our friends who have died.
We hand them to You Lord and thank you for them.
Amen

**NEWS FROM THE PEWS FOR
25TH OCTOBER**

Email: htb.office@btinternet.com or to the Cloisters by

THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER by 6pm

Thank you. Margaret



Happy 90th Birthday Ken Willis

Love from all your friends at Holy Trinity Church



WELCOME TO BEMBRIDGE

The Pastoral Committee have launched a Welcome Pack for those moving into our village. It contains some very useful information and if someone moves into your neighbourhood, please will you pop round and say hello and pass one on. The Church Wardens have them available for you. Thanks.

Olive Light



Log onto our YouTube Holy Trinity Bembridge page to catch up with services, messages and Holy Communion from home with David & Sheila!

Track and Trace

Thank you to everyone who has been filling in a Track and Trace form each week in church. Those of you who have downloaded the NHS App, will now be able to scan the QR code on the poster displayed in the porch on your way into church and will not need to do the paper form.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE THESE EMAILS, PLEASE CONTACT US ON htb.office@btinternet.com